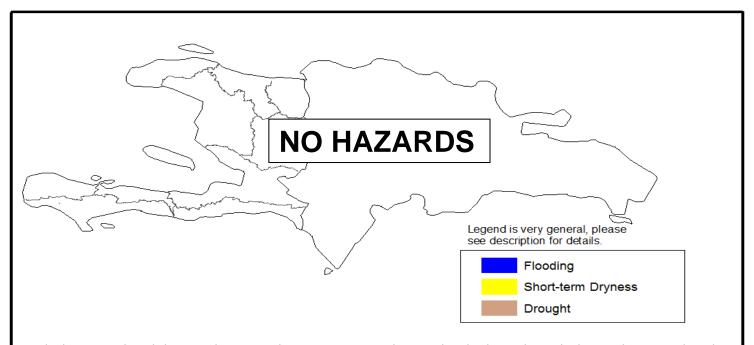






Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET December 13 – December 19, 2012

Seasonally light to locally moderate rains received over Haiti during the last week.



In the last seven days, light to moderate rain showers were received across the island. Similar to the last week in November, the highest weekly rainfall accumulations (30-50mm) were received across the northern coastlines of Haiti and the Dominican Republic, with lighter amounts received further inland. Since the beginning of November, much of the island has received above-average rainfall, with the highest precipitation surpluses concentrated along the northern coastline, and pockets of below-average rainfall in parts of the Nord-Ouest department of Haiti, and along the Barahona Bay of southwestern Dominican Republic. While precipitation typically reaches its minimum during this time of the year, average to above-average rainfall is expected to provide sufficient ground moisture and benefit the development of winter crops throughout the island. For the upcoming outlook period, precipitation forecasts suggest a decrease in daily rain shower activity across much of Haiti, with the potential for moderate to locally heavy rainfall accumulations in northeastern and southern Dominican Republic.